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MSHDA NEWS

MORE MICHIGAN FAMILIES CAN BECOME HOMEOWNERS WITH NEW MSHDA PROGRAM -- *HomeLINKS*

Governor John Engler recently announced that homeownership in Michigan would become a reality for more low-income residents thanks to a \$25 million housing fund to be administered through MSHDA via an inter-agency agreement with the Family Independence Agency (FIA). The Michigan Affordable Housing Fund (MAHF) was authorized by the Governor, and established by the Legislature to use federal monies to support programs that increase homeownership opportunities for low-income families.

"This is a powerful example of how Michigan's commitment to affordable housing is paying off for our lower-income citizens," said Gov. Engler. "By creating this dynamic partnership between government agencies, we will empower thousands more families to become stakeholders in their own futures."

MSHDA Executive Director Jim Logue praised the Authority and FIA staff for the months they invested in putting together the program. Their efforts resulted in "***HomeLINKS***," the home purchase and home retention portion of the initiative, and represents \$13.8 million.

HomeLINKS ensures successful homeownership by screening candidates for purchase potential, supplying pre- and post-purchase counseling, and down payment assistance up to \$10,000. The program also helps eligible families retain their homes. Income limits apply to the eligibility requirements for the program and only families with a minor child are qualified to apply. For further information, call MSHDA at (517) 335-2006.

MEDIA FLASHES

Just a reminder – We have a standing offer for any members of the media who would like to have MSHDA staff either appear on radio talk shows or television news broadcasts, or provide guest columns or articles for publications. Raising public awareness for low income residents throughout the state of MSHDA's many affordable housing options is always a well-received subject in any news medium, and we would welcome any opportunity you are able to provide.

Homeless Awareness Week Scheduled for 2001 – MSHDA is again spearheading Homeless Awareness week scheduled for November 11-17, 2001. In conjunction with the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, homeless providers and nonprofit organizations throughout the state are planning a variety of activities to raise awareness for homelessness based on the theme "You Hold The Key To Ending Homelessness." More information will be available in the coming months, however, members of the media may want to contact homeless shelters in their respective coverage areas now to help plan awareness-raising events.

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MSHDA GRANTS – FEBRUARY**2**

Recipient	Amount	Local Contact Telephone #
Human Development Commission/Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP)/Caro	\$519,900	517-673-4121
Women's Information Services/Housing Resource Fund (HRF)/Big Rapids	\$ 10,100	231-796-6692
Community Homes, Inc./HUD Match/Berkley	\$ 11,100	248-336-0007
Aware Inc./Critical Needs/Jackson	\$ 10,000	517-783-2861
St. Ignatius Nonprofit Housing Corp./HRF/Detroit	\$ 55,500	313-371-2053
Women's Justice Center/Homeless Development Grant/Detroit	\$ 55,500	313-371-3985
Saginaw Shelter for the Homeless/Emergency Shelter Grant	\$ 48,620	517-752-6051
Addiction Treatment Services, Inc./Match Grant/Traverse City	\$194,400	231-922-4880
Women's Aid Services/Critical Needs/Mt. Pleasant	\$ 2,350	517-773-7960
Volunteers of America/HRF/Lansing	\$ 55,500	517-484-4414
Branch County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Laura's Place)/HOME/Coldwater	\$264,000	517-278-7432
Haven/Critical Needs/Pontiac	\$ 10,000	248-334-1284 Ext. 20
Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries/Critical Needs	\$ 10,000	313-993-6873
Sunrise Mission/HRF/Alpena	\$ 55,500	517-356-1277
St. Clair County/CDBG/Port Huron	\$300,000	810-989-6950
Lake County/HOME/Baldwin	\$311,100	231-745-6231
Northern Homes Community Development Corp./HOME/East Jordan	\$120,000	231-536-3658
HomeStretch Nonprofit Housing Corp/HOME/Traverse City	\$348,304	231-947-6001
Barry County/HOME/Hastings	\$370,300	616-948-4891
Blue Lake Residential Care/Critical Needs/Port Huron	\$ 9,000	810-987-1258

MSHDA'S FEBRUARY SINGLE FAMILY AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTION

	Number of Housing Units	Dollar Amount
Single Family (SF)	94	\$6,454,450
Property Improvement Program (PIP)	98	\$6,351,044
Michigan Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)	21	\$ 239,801

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